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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANGELA POTIKYAN, on behalf of)
herself and all others similarly)
situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

JS DREAMS, INC. and CRISTCAT
CALABASAS, INC. (individually
and collectively doing business as
JOHNNY ROCKETS - COMMONS
AT CALABASAS), and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.

CV13- 6237

ODW (FFMx)

**COMPLAINT
CLASS ACTION**

[15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*]

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, by her counsel of record, brings this action on her own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and alleges the following upon personal knowledge, or where there is not personal knowledge, upon information and belief:

INTRODUCTION

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2 1. In 2003, Congress passed and the President signed, the Fair and
3 Accurate Credit Transactions Act ("FACTA") to assist in the prevention of
4 identity theft and credit and debit card fraud. In the statement provided by the
5 President during the signing of the bill, the President declared that:

6 "This bill also confronts the problem of identity theft. A growing
7 number of Americans are victimized by criminals who assume their
8 identities and cause havoc in their financial affairs. With this
9 legislation, the Federal Government is protecting our citizens by
10 taking the offensive against identity theft."

11 2. A main provision of FACTA (codified as 15 U.S.C. § 1681c(g) of
12 the Fair Credit Reporting Act), provides that:

13 "**no person** that accepts credit cards or debit cards for the
14 transaction of business **shall print** more than the last 5 digits of the
15 card number or **the expiration date upon any receipt provided to**
16 **the cardholder** at the point of the sale or transaction."

17 3. The law gave merchants who accept credit and or debit cards up to
18 three years to comply with its requirements, requiring full compliance with its
19 provisions no later than December 4, 2006. Although JS DREAMS, INC. and
20 CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC., and the other defendants herein had up to three
21 years to comply, Defendants have willfully violated this law and failed to protect
22 Plaintiff and others similarly situated against identity theft and credit and debit
23 card fraud by printing the expiration date of the card, the name of the cardholder,
24 the brand of the card (i.e., Visa, etc.), and the last four digits of the card on
25 receipts provided to debit card and credit card cardholders transacting business
26 with Defendants.

27 4. This is a direct violation of FACTA. As the Ninth Circuit has
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1 explained: "In fashioning FACTA, Congress aimed to 'restrict the amount of
2 information available to identity thieves.' 149 Cong. Rec. 26,891 (2003)
3 (statement of Sen. Shelby)." *Bateman v. American Multi-Cinema, Inc.*, 623 F.3d
4 708, 718 (9th Cir. 2010).

5 5. Plaintiff on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated brings
6 this action against JS DREAMS, INC., CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC. and
7 DOES 1 through 10 (collectively referred to as "Defendants") based on
8 Defendants' violations of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*

9 6. Plaintiff seeks, on behalf of herself and the class, statutory damages,
10 punitive damages, costs and attorney fees, all of which are expressly made
11 available by statute, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*, for Defendants' unlawful practice
12 of violating FACTA's provisions intended to safeguard against identity theft and
13 credit and debit card fraud.

14 15 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

16 7. This Court has federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
17 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1681p.

18 8. Plaintiff's claims asserted herein arose in this judicial district and all
19 Defendants do business in and reside in this judicial district.

20 9. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)
21 and (c) in that JS DREAMS, INC. and CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC.
22 (individually and collectively doing business as JOHNNY ROCKETS -
23 COMMONS AT CALABASAS) have done and continue to do business, and
24 intentionally avail themselves of the markets, in Los Angeles County, California,
25 and they each own, manage, maintain and or operate a restaurant within Los
26 Angeles County, where the acts and or omissions giving rise to the claims alleged
27 herein occurred.

PARTIES

10. Plaintiff, ANGELA POTIKYAN, is and at all times relevant hereto was a resident of the State of California.

11. Defendant JS DREAMS, INC. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. JS DREAMS, INC. owns, manages, maintains and or operates a Johnny Rockets restaurant under the fictitious business name JOHNNY ROCKETS - COMMONS AT CALABASAS.

12. Defendant CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC. owns, manages, maintains and or operates a Johnny Rockets restaurant under the fictitious business name JOHNNY ROCKETS - COMMONS AT CALABASAS.

13. Defendant JS DREAMS, INC. and CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC. individually and collectively do business using the fictitious business name JOHNNY ROCKETS - COMMONS AT CALABASAS.

14. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendants and each of them were the agents, employees, joint venturer, and or partners of each other and were acting within the course and scope of such agency, employment, joint venturer and or partnership relationship and or each of the Defendants ratified and or authorized the conduct of each of the other Defendants.

15. Plaintiff does not know the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the DOE defendants was in some manner legally responsible for the wrongful and unlawful conduct and harm alleged herein. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of these defendants when they have been ascertained, along with appropriate charging allegations.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

16. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of herself and all other persons similarly situated pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

17. The class which Plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as:
All consumers to whom Defendants, within two years from the date of filing this action, provided an electronically printed receipt at the point of a sale or transaction at the JOHNNY ROCKETS - COMMONS AT CALABASAS restaurant, on which receipt Defendants printed the expiration date of the consumer's credit card or debit card (the "CLASS").

18. Excluded from the CLASS are Defendants and their directors, officers and employees.

19. Numerosity (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1)): The CLASS is so numerous that joinder of all individual members in one action would be impracticable. The disposition of their claims through this class action will benefit both the parties and this Court.

20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that there are, at a minimum, thousands (*i.e.*, two thousand or more) of members that comprise the CLASS.

21. The exact size of the CLASS and identities of individual members thereof are ascertainable through Defendants' records, including but not limited to Defendants' sales and transaction records.

22. Members of the CLASS may be notified of the pendency of this action by techniques and forms commonly used in class actions, such as by published notice, e-mail notice, website notice, first-class mail, or combinations thereof, or by other methods suitable to this class and deemed necessary and or

1 appropriate by the Court.

2 23. Typicality (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3)): Plaintiff's claims are typical of
3 the claims of the entire CLASS. The claims of Plaintiff and members of the
4 CLASS are based on the same legal theories and arise from the same unlawful
5 conduct.

6 24. Plaintiff and members of the CLASS were each customers of
7 Defendants, each having made a purchase or transacted other business with
8 Defendants within two years from the date of filing this action, using a credit and
9 or debit card. At the point of such sale or transaction with Plaintiff and members
10 of the CLASS, Defendants provided to Plaintiff and each member of the CLASS
11 a receipt in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1681c(g) (*i.e.*, a receipt on which is printed
12 the expiration date of the credit card or debit card).

13 25. Common Questions of Fact and Law (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2) and
14 (b)(3)): There are a well-defined community of interest and common questions
15 of fact and law affecting the members of the CLASS.

16 26. The questions of fact and law common to the CLASS predominate
17 over questions which may affect individual members and include the following:

18 (a) Whether Defendants' conduct of providing Plaintiff and the
19 CLASS with sales or transaction receipts whereon Defendants printed the
20 expiration date of the credit card or debit card violated the FACTA, 15 U.S.C. §§
21 1681 *et seq.*;

22 (b) Whether Defendants' conduct was willful; and

23 (c) Whether Plaintiff and the CLASS are entitled to statutory
24 damages, punitive damages, costs and or attorney fees for Defendants' acts and
25 conduct.

26 27. Adequacy of Representation (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4)): Plaintiff is
27 an adequate representative of the CLASS because her interests do not conflict
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1 with the interests of the CLASS which Plaintiff seeks to represent. Plaintiff will
2 fairly, adequately, and vigorously represent and protect the interests of the
3 CLASS and has no interests antagonistic to the CLASS. Plaintiff has retained
4 counsel who is competent and experienced in the prosecution of class action
5 litigation.

6 28. Superiority (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1) and 23(b)(3)): A class action
7 is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the
8 claims of the CLASS. While the aggregate damages which may be and if
9 awarded to the CLASS are likely to be substantial, the actual damages suffered
10 by individual members of the CLASS are relatively small. As a result, the
11 expense and burden of individual litigation makes it economically infeasible and
12 procedurally impracticable for each member of the CLASS to individually seek
13 redress for the wrongs done to them. Plaintiff does not know of any other
14 litigation already commenced by or against any member of the CLASS
15 concerning Defendants' printing of the credit or debit card expiration date on
16 customer receipts. The likelihood of individual CLASS members prosecuting
17 separate claims is remote. Individualized litigation would also present the
18 potential for varying, inconsistent or contradictory judgments, and would increase
19 the delay and expense to all parties and the court system resulting from multiple
20 trials of the same factual issues. In contrast, the conduct of this matter as a class
21 action presents fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the
22 parties and the court system, and would protect the rights of each member of the
23 CLASS. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty to be encountered in the management
24 of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

For Violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the CLASS

as against all Defendants including DOES 1 through 10)

29. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in this Complaint.

30. Plaintiff asserts this claim on behalf of herself and the CLASS against Defendants and each of them.

31. Title 15 U.S.C. § 1681c(g)(1) provides that:

"**no person** that accepts credit cards or debit cards for the transaction of business **shall print** more than the last 5 digits of the card number or **the expiration date upon any receipt provided to the cardholder** at the point of the sale or transaction."

32. By its express terms, 15 U.S.C. § 1681c(g)(1) applies to "any cash register or other machine or device that electronically prints receipts for credit card or debit card transactions" after December 3, 2006 (15 U.S.C. § 1681c(g)(3)).

33. Defendants transact business in the United States and accept credit cards and or debit cards in the course of transacting business with persons such as Plaintiff and members of the CLASS. In transacting such business, Defendants use cash registers and or other machines or devices that electronically print receipts for credit card and or debit card transactions.

34. After December 3, 2006, and within two years from the date of filing this action, Defendants, at the point of a sale or transaction with Plaintiff ANGELA POTIKYAN, provided Plaintiff ANGELA POTIKYAN with one or more electronically printed receipts on each of which Defendants printed the expiration date of her credit card or debit card, Plaintiff's name, the brand of the

1 card (i.e., Visa, etc.), and the last four digits of the card number.

2 35. After December 3, 2006, and within two years from the date of filing
3 this action, Defendants, at the point of a sale or transaction with members of the
4 CLASS, provided each member of the CLASS with one or more electronically
5 printed receipts on each of which Defendants printed, for each respective CLASS
6 member, the expiration date of the credit card or debit card, the cardholder's
7 name, the brand of the card (i.e., Visa, etc.), and the last four digits of the card
8 number.

9 36. As set forth above, FACTA was enacted in 2003 and gave merchants
10 who accept credit and or debit cards up to three years to comply with its
11 requirements, requiring full compliance with its provisions no later than
12 December 4, 2006.

13 37. Defendants and each of them knew of and were well informed about
14 the law, including specifically FACTA's requirements concerning the truncation
15 of credit and debit card numbers and prohibition on the printing of expiration
16 dates.

17 38. For example, but without limitation, several years ago, VISA,
18 MasterCard, the PCI Security Standards Council (a consortium founded by VISA,
19 MasterCard, Discover, American Express and JCB), companies that sell cash
20 register and other devices for the processing of credit or debit card payments, and
21 other entities informed Defendants and each of them about FACTA, including its
22 specific requirements concerning the truncation of credit and debit card numbers
23 and prohibition on the printing of expiration dates, and Defendants' need to
24 comply with same.

25 39. In addition, many companies such as VISA and MasterCard devised
26 and implemented policies well before the operative date of FACTA's
27 requirements, wherein such policies VISA, MasterCard and others required
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1 Defendants (and informed Defendants of the requirements) to truncate credit and
2 debit card numbers and prevent the printing of expiration dates on receipts. For
3 example, on March 6, 2003, VISA USA's CEO, Carl Pascarella, held a press
4 conference on Capitol Hill with Senators Dianne Feinstein, Judd Gregg, Jon
5 Corzine and Patrick Leahy, and publically announced Visa USA's new truncation
6 policy to protect consumers from identity theft. At the March 2003 press
7 conference, Mr. Pascarella explained, as follows:

8 "Today, I am proud to announce an additional measure to
9 combat identity theft and protect consumers. Our new receipt
10 truncation policy will soon limit cardholder information on receipts
11 to the last four digits of their accounts. **The card's expiration date**
12 **will be eliminated from receipts altogether.** This is an added
13 security measure for consumers that doesn't require any action by
14 the cardholder. We are proud to be the first payments brand to
15 announce such a move to protect cardholders' identities by
16 restricting access to their account information on receipts.

17 **The first phase of this new policy goes into effect July 1,**
18 **2003 for all new terminals.** I would like to add, however, that even
19 before this policy goes into effect, **many merchants have already**
20 **voluntarily begun truncating receipts, thanks to groundwork**
21 **that we began together several years ago.**

22 Receipt truncation is good news for consumers, and bad news
23 for identity thieves. Identity thieves thrive on discarded receipts and
24 documents containing consumers' information such as payment
25 account numbers, addresses, Social Security numbers, and more.
26 Visa's new policy will protect consumers by limiting the information
27 these thieves can access." (Statements made by VISA USA's CEO,

1 Carl Pascarella at a March 6, 2003 press conference held at Capitol
 2 Hill with Senators Dianne Feinstein, Judd Gregg, Jon Corzine and
 3 Patrick Leahy.)

4 40. Moreover, the Government, through the Federal Trade Commission
 5 (“FTC”), provided notice to businesses on no less than three separate occasions
 6 in 2007 reminding them of the requirement to truncate credit and debit card
 7 information on receipts. In one such notice, entitled “FTC Business Alert” “Slip
 8 Showing? Federal Law Requires All Businesses to Truncate Credit Card
 9 Information on Receipts,” and dated May 2007, the FTC reminded businesses,
 10 among other things, of the following:

11 “What’s on the credit and debit card receipts you give your
 12 customers? The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation’s
 13 consumer protection agency, says it’s time for companies to check
 14 their receipts and make sure they’re complying with a law that’s
 15 been in effect for all businesses since December 1, 2006.

16 According to the federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction
 17 Act (FACTA), the electronically printed credit and debit card
 18 receipts you give your customers must shorten — or truncate — the
 19 account information. You may include no more than the last five
 20 digits of the card number, **and you must delete the card’s**
 21 **expiration date.** For example, a receipt that truncates the credit card
 22 number and deletes the expiration date could look like this:

23 ACCT:*****12345

24 EXP:****

25 Why is it important for businesses to make sure they’re
 26 complying with this law? Credit card numbers on sales receipts are
 27 a “golden ticket” for fraudsters and identity thieves. Savvy
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1 businesses appreciate the importance of protecting their customers
2 — and themselves — from credit card crime.”

3 41. Despite knowing and being repeatedly informed about FACTA and
4 the importance of truncating credit and debit card numbers and preventing the
5 printing of expiration dates on receipts, and despite having had over three years
6 to comply with FACTA’s requirements, Defendants and each of them knowingly
7 willfully, intentionally, and recklessly violated FACTA’s requirements by, *inter*
8 *alia*, printing the expiration date of the credit card or debit card, the name of the
9 cardholder, the brand of the card (i.e., Visa, etc.), and the last four digits of the
10 card number, upon the receipts provided to the cardholders with whom they
11 transact business.

12 42. Defendants’ business peers and competitors brought their credit and
13 debit card receipt printing processes in compliance with FACTA’s requirements
14 by, for example, doing things such as programming their card machines and
15 devices to prevent them from printing more than the last five digits of the card
16 number and or the expiration date upon the receipts provided to the cardholders.
17 Defendants could have readily done the same.

18 43. Instead, Defendants knowingly, willfully, intentionally, and
19 recklessly disregarded FACTA’s requirements and used cash registers and or
20 other machines or devices that printed receipts in violation of FACTA.

21 44. Defendants knowingly, willfully, intentionally, and recklessly
22 violated FACTA in conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and the CLASS.

23 45. Defendants have also harmed Plaintiff and the CLASS by exposing
24 them to at least an increased risk of identity theft and credit and or debit card
25 fraud.

26 46. As a result of Defendants’ willful violations of FACTA, Defendants
27 are liable to Plaintiff and each member of the CLASS in the statutory damage
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1 amount of "not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000" for each violation. (15
2 U.S.C. § 1681n.)

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4 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for:

6 1. An order certifying the CLASS and appointing Plaintiff as the
7 representative of the CLASS, and appointing counsel of record for Plaintiff as
8 counsel for the CLASS;

9 2. An award to Plaintiff and the CLASS of statutory damages pursuant
10 to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n for Defendants' willful violations (up to but not exceeding
11 the fullest extent allowed under the Constitution of the United States);

12 3. An award to Plaintiff and the CLASS of punitive damages pursuant
13 to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n (up to but not exceeding the fullest extent allowed under
14 the Constitution of the United States);

15 4. Payment of costs of suit herein incurred pursuant to, *inter alia*, 15
16 U.S.C. § 1681n;

17 5. Payment of reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to, *inter alia*, 15
18 U.S.C. § 1681n; and

19 6. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.
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21 Dated: August 26, 2013

CHANT & COMPANY
A Professional Law Corporation

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24 By: 

CHANT YEBALIAN
Counsel for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.

Dated: August 26, 2013

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By: 

CHANT YEDALIAN
Counsel for Plaintiff

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES

This case has been assigned to District Judge Otis D. Wright II and the assigned Magistrate Judge is Frederick F. Mumm.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

2:13CV6237 ODW FFMx

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge.

Clerk, U. S. District Court

August 26, 2013

Date

By J. Prado

Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

☒ Western Division
312 N. Spring Street, G-8
Los Angeles, CA 90012

☐ Southern Division
411 West Fourth St., Ste 1053
Santa Ana, CA 92701

☐ Eastern Division
3470 Twelfth Street, Room 134
Riverside, CA 92501

Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

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Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)*

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

AUG 26 2013

Date:

CLERK OF COURT

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Central District of California

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEETI. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

ANGELA POTIKYAN, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated

DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

JS DREAMS, INC. and CRISTCAT CALABASAS, INC. (individually and collectively doing business as JOHNNY ROCKETS - COMMONS AT CALABASAS)

(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☐ 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2. U.S. Government Defendant
☒ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES-For Diversity Cases Only
(Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant)

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| Citizen of This State | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☒ 1. Original Proceeding
☐ 2. Removed from State Court
☐ 3. Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4. Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify)
☐ 6. Multi-District Litigation

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: ☒ Yes ☐ No☐ MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)
15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq., Fair Credit Reporting Act

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	REAL PROPERTY CONT.	IMMIGRATION	PRISONER PETITIONS	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	<input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property		<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument			<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment			<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act			<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters					
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act					
<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration					
<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Admin. Procedures Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision					
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes					

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AFTER COMPLETING PAGE 1 OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ON PAGE 2.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL COVER SHEET

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply)
- ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
- ☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- ☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
- ☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT): W. W. W. DATE: 8/26/13

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))